AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   1.   (Currently amended) An apparatus for determining taxes that is
2   configurable for local jurisdictions, comprising:
3   a tax knowledge base, embodied in a computer system, wherein the tax
4   knowledge base includes tax rate data pertaining to taxes in local jurisdictions;
5   a tax rule base, embodied in a computer system, wherein the tax rule base
6   includes one or more rules for applying taxes in local jurisdictions; and
7   a tax determination manager, embodied in a computer system, that is
8   configured to determine a tax for a transaction using the tax knowledge base and
9   the tax rule base.
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1   2.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax rules
2   navigator that is used by the tax determination manager to navigate through rules
3   to return the result or reference to a result for a tax determination process.
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1   3.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 2~~claim 1, further
2   comprising a tax rules navigator that can be used by processes of ~~any~~a given tax
3   ~~services~~service component, including the tax determination manager ~~and tax~~and a
4   tax administration manager.

1   4.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax
2   services request manager that is configured to access the tax determination
3   manager upon receiving a tax request from a registered subscriber.

1   5.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, further comprising an open

2 subscription mechanism, wherein the open subscription mechanism includes

3 security and access protocols used by the tax services request manager to control

4 access to the tax determination manager.

1   6.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a record

2 repository, wherein the record repository stores information relating to tax events

3 and tax status.

1   7.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising a tax

2 repository manager, wherein the tax repository manager is configured to store and

3 retrieve tax events and tax status to and from the record repository.

1   8.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax

2 configuration manager, wherein the tax configuration manager is configured to

3 update the tax knowledge base and the tax rule base.

1   9.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a

2 geographical model, wherein the geographical model is used to configure the

3 geographical boundaries of various jurisdictions associated with different tax

4 regimes.

1   10.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a trading

2   community model, wherein the trading community model represents

3   various parties, sites and locations involved in tax operations in a

4   standardized format.

1   11.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a tax

2   administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager determines the

3   recoverability and the extent of recovery of a tax.

1   12.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising

2   a tax administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager determines

3   ~~the amount~~an amount to be settled with a tax authority for a given tax and a

4   calendar period specified by the tax authority.

1   13.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising

2   a tax administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager interfaces

3   with a payables system to enable the payment of ~~the~~ a settlement amount

4   determined by another process of the tax administration manager.

1   14.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising

2   a tax administration manager, wherein the tax administration manager provides

3   ~~the facility~~a facility for reconciling the amounts in ~~the record~~a record repository

4   with that existing in an accounting system.

1   15.   (Currently amended) A method for determining taxes for local

2   jurisdictions, comprising

3   receiving a request to provide a tax for a transaction from a subscriber;

4   determining a set of local jurisdictions for the transaction;

5   accessing a tax rule base and a tax knowledge base;

6   calculating the tax for each jurisdiction in the set of local jurisdictions

7   using one or more rules from the tax rule base and tax rate data from the tax

8   knowledge base; and

9   returning the tax for each jurisdiction to the subscriber.

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1   16.   (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

2   determining a taxable basis from the transaction;

3   determining a tax status basis from the tax rule base;

4   determining a tax rate from the tax knowledge base; and

5   calculating the tax based on the taxable basis, the tax status basis, and the

6   tax rate.

1   17.   (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein receiving the request

2   from the subscriber includes verifying that the subscriber is authorized to make

3   the request.

1   18.   (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising allowing a

2   user to update the tax rule base and the tax knowledge base, wherein updating the

3   tax rule base and the tax knowledge base provides current data for the method.

1   19.   (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing

2   instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a

3   method for determining taxes for local jurisdictions, comprising

4   receiving a request to provide a tax for a transaction from a subscriber;

5   determining a set of local jurisdictions for the transaction;

6   accessing a tax rule base and a tax knowledge base;

7   calculating the tax for each jurisdiction in the set of local jurisdictions

8   using one or more rules from the tax rule base and tax rate data from the tax

9   knowledge base; and

10   returning the tax for each jurisdiction to the subscriber.

1	20.	(Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 19, the
2	method further comprising:
3		determining a taxable basis from the transaction;
4		determining a tax status basis from the tax rule base;
5		determining a tax rate from the tax knowledge base; and
6		calculating the tax based on the taxable basis, the tax status basis, and the
7	tax rate.

1	21.	(Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 19,
2	wherein receiving the request from the subscriber includes verifying that the
3	subscriber is authorized to make the request.

1	22.	(Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 19, the
2	method further comprising allowing a user to update the tax rule base and the tax
3	knowledge base, wherein updating the tax rule base and the tax knowledge base
4	provides current data for the method.

1	23.	(Currently amended) A means for determining taxes that is
2	configurable for local jurisdictions, comprising:
3		a tax knowledge base means for providing tax rate data pertaining to taxes
4	in local jurisdictions;
5		a tax rule base means for providing one or more rules for applying taxes in
6	local jurisdictions; and
7		a tax determination manager means for determining a tax for a transaction
8	using the tax knowledge base means and the tax rule base means.

1   24.   (Original) The means of claim 23, further comprising a tax services

2   request manager means for accessing the tax determination manager means upon

3   receiving a tax request from a registered subscriber.

1   25.   (Original) The means of claim 23, further comprising an open

2   subscription means that includes security and access protocols used by the tax

3   services request manager means to control access to the tax determination

4   manager means.

1   26.   (Original) The means of claim 23, further comprising a record

2   repository means for storing information relating to tax events and tax status.

1   27.   (Currently amended) An apparatus that performs operations that

2   need to be performed to meet the requirements of a local jurisdiction, comprising:

3   a tax service comprising:

4   a number of service components within the tax service, including a tax

5   determination manager and a tax administration manager; and

6   a number of utility components within the tax service, including,

7   a geography model,

8   a knowledge base, and

9   and a tax rule base which includes one or more rules for applying taxes in

10   local jurisdictions.

1   28.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein service

2   components can be broken down into a small number of well-defined processes to

3   be executed by a tax service in a specific, pre-determined order to fulfill the

4   requirements imposed by a tax authority of any a given local jurisdiction.

1   29.   (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the tax

2   rule base can accept rules for ~~any~~ a given process of a service component to

3   achieve a requisite result specified by a tax authority of a local jurisdiction.

1   30.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 27, further comprising a tax rules

2   navigator that operates on the tax rule base and returns a result, or a reference to a

3   result, for a process of a service component for a given local jurisdiction.